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For: IDENTIFICATION OF NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

SPECIFIC FOR MYCOBACTERIA AND DEVELOPMENT OF DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS STRATEGIES FOR

MYCOBACTERIAL SPECIES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

Insert the attached Sequence Listing in place of that which was originally filed.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing.

The attached paper and computer-readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added. A separate Statement to this effect is attached.

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